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Provisional agenda

1. Opening of the meeting.
2. Adoption of the agenda.
3. Organization of work.
4. Examination of the scientific, technical, economic, legal, environmental, socio-economic and other aspects of the conservation and sustainable use of marine biological diversity beyond areas of national jurisdiction, including activities of the United Nations and other relevant international organizations, in particular further consideration of:
   (a) The relevant legal regime on marine genetic resources in areas beyond national jurisdiction in accordance with the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea, taking into account the views of States on Parts VII and XI of the Convention;
   (b) Issues of marine protected areas;
   (c) Issues of environmental impact assessment processes.
5. Indication, where appropriate, of possible options and approaches to promote international cooperation and coordination for the conservation and sustainable use of marine biological diversity beyond areas of national jurisdiction.
6. Identification of key issues and questions where more detailed background studies would facilitate consideration by States of these issues.
7. Consideration of recommendations to the General Assembly.
8. Other matters.
9. Closure of the meeting.

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